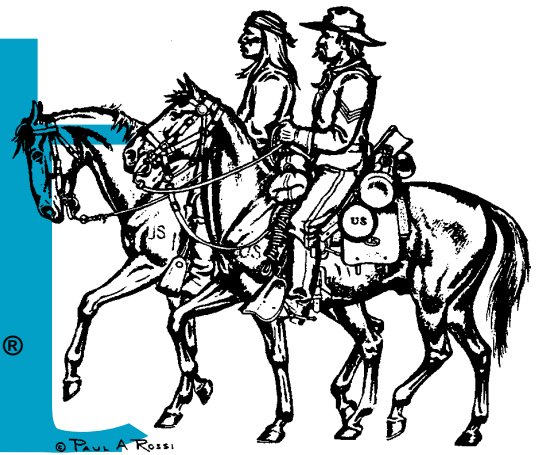


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### AFAP postponed

The Army Family Action Plan has been postponed due to a conflict with soldier training being conducted at Murr Community Center the first three weeks of March.

The Army Family Action Plan will be rescheduled during the May time frame.

Dates will be announced.

For information, call Gail Mortensen at 533-6871 or Sharon Gonzalez at 533-2330.

### Legal seeks assistance

The Fort Huachuca Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Legal Assistance Office would like to make contact with soldiers and their family members who have entered into contracts with Metropolitan Educational Enterprises or Home Education Learning Program.

The contracts involve the purchase of educational materials and computers. Soldiers should call Capt. Leslie Rowley at legal assistance 533-2009.

### Mandatory ethics training

All DoD personnel required to file a Financial Disclosure Report are required to attend ethics training annually.

All new employees are required to receive this training within 30 days of entering on duty. Training sessions will be held 10-11 a.m. in Room 1215, Greely Hall, on the following dates: Today, April 27, May 11 and June 14.

Financial Disclosure Report filers are required to attend only one training session per calendar year. For information, call Tom King at 533-3197.

## Defense Security chief vows to end backlog

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

Charles Cunningham is the first to acknowledge his goal is daunting, but the head of the Defense Security Service is determined to clear up a backlog of 505,000 background checks for both military and civilian personnel.

Cunningham told the Armed Forces Information Service on March 2 that he has pledged to get all investigations up to date by the end of 2001. The goal, he said, is complicated by the fact that clearing the backlog means DSS also must keep up with the approximately 400,000 new background checks it routinely processes annually.

Most of the backlogged cases are not new requests, but reinvestigations of DoD personnel who received clearances in the past.

All clearances are supposed to be re-

viewed every five to 15 years, depending on the security level.

At Fort Huachuca, the Security Division, Directorate of Public Safety processes security clearances for personnel assigned to the installation. On average, they process 35 applications for clearances each month with an average turnaround time of 16 weeks for the NACLIC and nine months for a SSBI. John Hall, chief, Security Div. said, "we have approximately 450-500 applications to be processed this year."

Hall explained that the U.S. Army grants three levels of security clearances, depending on the individual's need to perform his or her duties.

These are Confidential, Secret and Top Secret. For each type of security clearance a background check is required. Hall said everyone applying for a security clearance requires a National Agency

Check and Local Check. In addition to this check, individuals applying for a Top Secret clearance or for certain sensitive positions or special programs must also have a Special Scope Background Investigation.

To facilitate the needs of the Military Intelligence School, Hall said his office could approve up to an interim Secret security clearance for students once they have submitted their request for a clearance.

There are many factors that could prevent approval of a security clearance. Army Regulation 380-67, the U.S. Army Personal Security Program provides a complete identifiable listing. Some areas that can prevent a soldier from receiving a favorable background check for a security clearance include the use of ille-

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## DI of Year award ceremony scheduled

By Tanja M. Linton  
Media Relations Officer

The 19th Annual U.S. Army Intelligence Center Distinguished Instructor of the Year Awards ceremony will be held Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. in Fitch Auditorium at Alvarado Hall at Fort Huachuca.

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr., commanding general, will announce the 1999 Distinguished Instructor of the Year and acknowledge the instructors who have distinguished themselves during 1999.

Candidates for Instructor of the Year are Capt. Laura M. Ryan of the 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, Sgt. 1st Class Lyle E. Watkins of the Non-commissioned Officer Academy, Staff Sgt. Larry G. Davis of the 304th Military Intelligence Battalion and Staff Sgt. Judith A. Koonce of the 305th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Members of the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce and other organizations will also award prizes to the Instructor of the Year. Don Thomson, chairman of the chamber's Military Affairs Committee will direct the awards portion of the program.

## Digging in

Marcus Snell (left) watches Sheridan Stone, Fort Huachuca's biologist as he shows how to prepare cuttings from Cottonwood trees for "barepole hole" planting during Travis Boltz's (right) Eagle Scout project at Sycamore Pond Saturday. For more on the project, see Page 11.

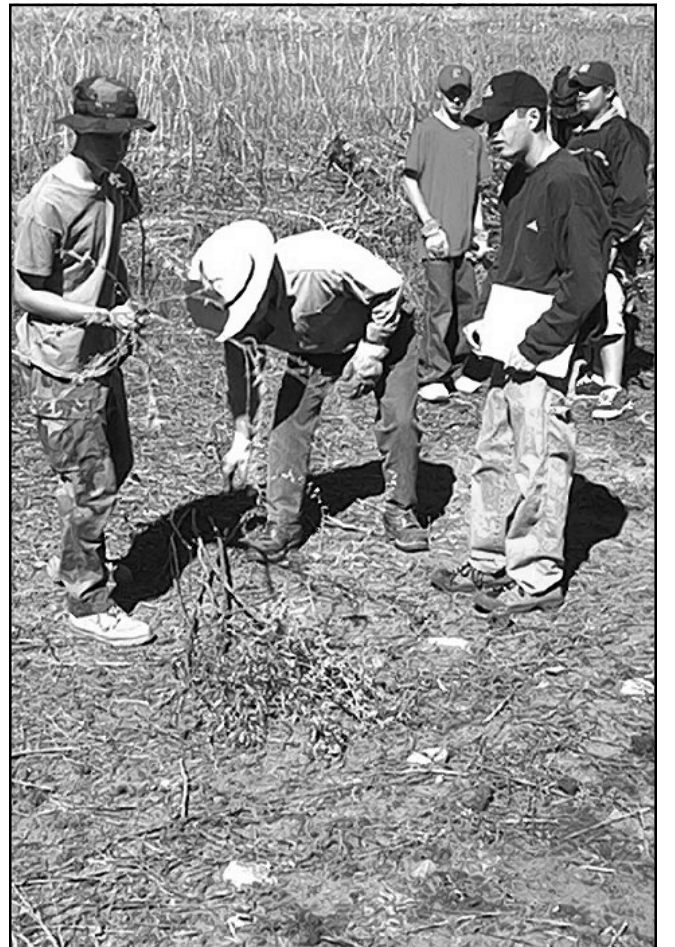


Photo by Margaret Gonzales-Boltz



# The Scout's Chaplain

## Riding the thermals not just for birds

By Col. Thomas R. Decker  
Installation Staff Chaplain

Okay, Scout, the crows are back! On my morning PT run, I noticed several huge flocks of crows flapping their way north from their winter in Mexico. The migrating crows paused occasionally to form “cones” into which they spiraled first counter-clockwise, and then shifted directions to go clockwise, and then shifted again. Some crows, like some people I know, seemed insistent to fly one direction when everybody else was flying in another. Maybe they were the leaders and were waiting for the others to follow. Or maybe they were teenage crows with a hormone problem. Or then again, maybe they were just old crows and didn’t give a rip. The crows, like people, continually talked to each other. Caw, here; caw, there. Perhaps “caw” is to the crows, like “hua” is to the Army. Caw! They fly in a loose “V” formation not nearly as compulsive as duck and geese formations. Crows do, however, know how to ride the air thermals that blow down the mountains. I noticed that they saved their energy by only flapping about one flap for every 6-8 seconds, and of course, they remained airborne by riding the thermals.

Here are crows that know how to act like hawks. Caw! Perhaps crows have an important lesson about riding the thermals and saving the flaps. There are “thermals” in all office settings. Productive organizations count on the thermal of solid missions with everyone knowing and buying the vision of the organization. A thermal that’s often overlooked is the simple ability of people to get along with each other and to like their job. One assumption is that everyone gets along with others; another is that people like their jobs. The reality is that people have different perceptions, temperaments, abilities, personal needs, with the result that the other stuff makes up much of the “flap” in an organization. An unseen thermal is the spiritual wind that blows in any organization. Are people considerate? Are they self-centered, or do they extend self to seek the needs of others? Is kindness overlooked? Is the good that one person does contagious to others? Are achievements recognized in a positive way? Riding the good thermals that blow may, in the long run, be a salvation of sorts because thermals help reduce some of the “flap” that otherwise occurs in the workplace. Caw!

## Ed Center is official test site

By Sharon Lewis  
Education Services Specialist

The Army Education Center is an official testing center for Army Personnel Tests and for the Department of Defense for Non-Traditional Education Support. The testing program offers active duty personnel the opportunity to demonstrate proficiency, explore abilities and interests, and earn college credits and promotion points. Types of tests available are placement, interest, certification, college entrance, and advanced credit examinations. All testing services are available to active duty personnel; many services are open to family members, DoD civilians, and retirees. Because of the wide variety of tests available, a guidance counselor will determine eligibility and appropriateness of the test, issue an appointment slip and enter the recommendation in the soldier’s education file. Tests for college credit The College Level Examination Program General and Subject Exams, DANTES Subject Standardized Tests, and the Regents College Examinations Program, formerly known as ACT PEP examinations, are tests for which credit may be granted by colleges and universities according to each school’s policy and the student’s course of study. These tests are accepted by the Army as college credit and for promotion points. Most of these examinations measure knowledge of basic concepts, principles, relationships, and appli-

cations involved in college courses with the similar title. The American Council on Education recommends three semester hours of credit for most of the examinations, although language exams can be worth up to 12 semester hours. College entrance examinations The American College Testing and the Scholastic Aptitude Tests measure aptitude for undergraduate college study. They are also required for Green to Gold Scholarship applications or an OCS packet. The Graduate Record Examination and the Graduate Management Admission Test measure aptitude for graduate study. The GRE general exam and the GMAT are now available only at National Testing Centers (Sylvan Test Centers, or the University of Arizona in Tucson) through computer based testing. DANTES only funds these exams once per lifetime, regardless of the test form. For further information regarding reimbursement for these exams, see Sharon Lewis at the education center. After the April 2000 administration for the History and Sociology GRE Subject Tests, GRE will remove these tests from their inventory. The Subject exams remain as paper-and pencil exams available on an up-front funded basis and will be administered at the Education Center in April 2000. A GRE General Practice test is now available through the GRE web site at:

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# Letter to the Editor

## Moving wall sets up in Tombstone, volunteers needed

Dear Comrades,

The Moving Wall, a one-half scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., will be on display in Tombstone Arizona for eight days. The opening ceremony starts 10 a.m., April 16. The closing ceremony will be at 4 p.m., April 23. The Moving Wall will be available to the public 24 hours a day at no charge. Although American Legion Post 24 is hosting the wall, we want this to be a “Southern Arizona Veterans” event. This is the first time the Moving Wall has been to southern

Arizona and we are expecting thousands of people from southern Arizona to visit the wall while it is in Tombstone. There is a lot of work to be done before and after the wall’s arrival. To make this a community effort we are asking for donations to help offset the initial cost of just getting the wall here, approximately \$4000. This does not take in account construction material for the foundation, 24-hour security, porta-johns, lighting, posters, mailings, etc. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Post

Commander, Don Aiton or the Bar Manager, Dick Perry at 457-2273. We need volunteers to help with the assembly of the wall. Setting up the foundation before the wall arrives will be April 13 at 8 a.m. The wall is scheduled to arrive in Tombstone the night of April 14. Setting up the wall will start at 8 a.m., April 15. Disassembly of the wall starts at 7 p.m., April 23. We will also need volunteers to move bleachers, set up shelters and lighting, and help visitors with the wall directories. Please let us know if you have an interest in having an

honor guard to post colors and/or to have your organization lay a wreath at the opening ceremony. The point of contact for all of the above will be Sonny Butler 457-3518 e-mail [finb@sinosa.com](mailto:finb@sinosa.com). We have all worked together to get the southern Arizona Veterans Cemetery, now let’s all join together and make the Moving Wall a memorable event for the veterans and families of southern Arizona. For God and Country, Larry Braden Past Commander, American Legion Post 24

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# Undocumented aliens found on post

## More incursions expected

*By Sgt. Cullen James  
Scout Staff*

Over 90 illegal aliens were caught and detained on post March 9 near the West Gate.

Military Police using K-9 and vehicular patrols found 94 illegal immigrants near Piat Cove Road after having been alerted by Sonoita Border Patrol the aliens were in the area. “The Sonoita Border Patrol was told by a local rancher who saw 30 - 50 of the undocumented aliens,” said Capt. Michael Petty, operations officer, Fort Huachuca Directorate of Public Safety.

Three other immigrants were caught later that day, bringing the total detained to 97.

As of March 13, 253 undocumented aliens have been detained by Fort Huachuca MPs with the majority of that number happening since January, according to Marty Hargraves, who’s tracking illegal immigration on the post for the Fort Huachuca DPS. “There were hardly any in October through December. Only about 16 - 18,” said Hargraves. “Since the New Year, they’ve been coming by the truck load.”

“We expected the increase,” said Petty. “We had a meeting with the Border Patrol who told us about their plans to focus on Nogales and Douglas. As a result of their plans, the traffic would move through Fort Huachuca.

“Because they kept us informed we’re prepared for [illegal immigrants],” Petty said.

Preparing for the influx basically meant keeping a watchful eye out for anyone who might be an undocumented alien, according to Petty. “Our Special Reaction Team increased their patrols through the Huachuca [Mountains] to help cut back on any traffic through there. We increased the awareness of the MP patrols to be on the look out for suspicious individuals.

“Another thing we did, working with the Border Patrol, we set up



Photo by Maj. Daniel T. Williams

**Border Patrol agents keep an eye on a group of undocumented aliens who were caught near Piat Cove road close to the West Gate.**

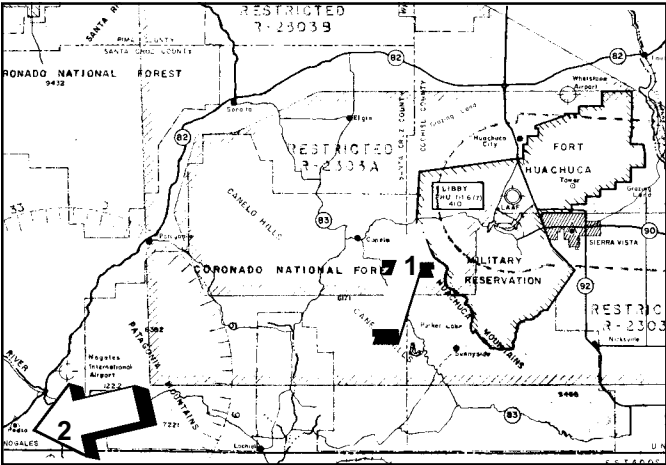
sensors where we’ve seen a route. The motion sensors will detect groups of people moving through that area. We will have a sensor monitor set up at the MP station,” Petty said.

Individuals and units have also been helpful in tracking and catching the illegal immigrants, Petty explained. “We’re being constantly notified by private individuals who may be hunting or units who are out training if they see some people they think might be illegal immigrants. They always notify us very quickly. The

community policing has been very important in this effort,” he said.

When illegal immigrants are found on post, the MPs detain them until the arrival of Border Patrol agents. “Once the Border Patrol arrives, they take them and bus them back to the border. They’re inprocessed into their computer system and then transported back across the border,” Petty said.

If you see any groups of people you think may be illegally immigrating through Fort Huachuca, call the Military Police desk at 533-2181.



**Arrow one shows the area where the undocumented aliens were caught. Arrow two shows the relationship of Fort Huachuca’s West Gate to Nogales. Because of the Border Patrol’s clamping down in Nogales and Douglas, illegal immigrants are moving up through Fort Huachuca**

## Soldiers must be counted in Census 2000

*By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff*

The Census 2000 count for soldiers will take place on April 3, according to Mike Bishop, chief, Engineering Plans and Services Division, DIS, and Fort Huachuca’s Census 2000 Coordinator. Each soldier will be counted in the census at his or her unit or place of work, as well as at their homes, if they do not live in the barracks. “This is to ensure that no one is missed,” he said.

The actual Census 2000 questionnaire will have 27 questions on it. There will also be a space for soldiers living in government quarters, or off-post to list their address. This address will be compared to the Census Surveys received by mail, and where the address is duplicated, the questionnaire completed at the unit level will be kicked back to prevent a double count of the soldier.

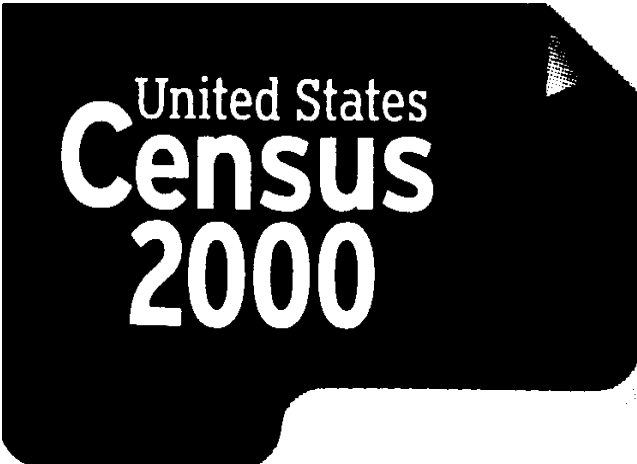
Jackie Wilson-Bradley, a Census 2000 Team Leader, is assigned by the Census office to ensure that the soldiers here are included in the Census 2000 count. Bishop and Terry Elzey, DIS, are working closely with her to make sure this happens.

The Census Count is mandatory and required by law under Article 1, Section 2, U.S. Constitution. For soldiers, the actual counting of heads will be accomplished at the company level. The family members in the on-post housing areas will be counted the same as any commu-

nity off post, e.g. by mail-in questionnaire initially, and by door-to-door Census Enumerator for those people who fail to return the mail-in questionnaire.

Under the Constitutional requirement, all of the military departments are required to count themselves. Here, this will take place in the units where soldiers are assigned and it will include all soldiers (foreign students included), even those soldiers who live off-post or in on-base housing.

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## Post continues water saving trend

*By Tanja M. Linton  
Media Relations Officer*

The water pumpage for January is 41,958,000 gallons or 129 acre feet and is equivalent to 1.4 millions gallons per day. The water pumped in February is 42,695,000 gallons or 131 acre feet and is equivalent to 1.5 million gallons per day.

The January 2000 pumpage is 3.8 percent less than that pumped in January 1999 (134 acre feet) and is 26 percent less than the 18-year (1982-1999) January average (174 acre feet).

The water pumped in February 2000 is 7.7 percent less than that pumped in February 1999 (142 acre feet) and is 20 percent less than the 18-year (1982-1999) February average (164 acre feet).

January’s and February’s pumpage is the lowest January/February pumpage during the 18-year period (1982-1999).

Total water pumped year to date (January-February 00; 260 acre feet) is 5.8 percent less than that pumped in 1999 (276 acre feet).

# Women's History Month

## Breaking through to lead way: Women in Army Reserve

By Lt. Col. Randy Pullen  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Remember the old saying: “Behind every good man is a good woman?” In today’s Army Reserve, that good woman quite often is in front of that good man as his leader.

It took a great deal of hard work and dedication to reach this point for the women of the Army Reserve. This is just a sampling of how much the Army Reserve, the Army and the nation have been enriched by the contributions of these citizen-soldiers.

President Harry S. Truman signed a milestone piece of legislation for women in the military when he penned his name to the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act on June 12, 1948. Among other things, it authorized women to serve in the Organized Reserves. When the Korean War began, for the first time women reservists were called to active duty. Like their male Reserve counterparts, most of them were World War II veterans.

Although the 1948 law was landmark

legislation for women in the military, it did limit their numbers. Only two percent of the enlisted force could be women; women officers were kept to ten percent of the women’s enlisted strength. Congress removed this restriction in 1967 but there were few Army Reserve women until the mid-1970s.

On July 1, 1972, there were only 483 Women’s Army Corps — WAC — soldiers in USAR units and 281 in the Individual Ready Reserve. Other women in Reserve status served in the Army medical branches. The Chief, Army Reserve at this time, Maj. Gen. William J. Sutton, directed that Reserve recruiters work to increase the number of women in the Army Reserve. Also in 1972, the Reserve Officers Training Corps was opened to women.

Two years later, there were 6,669 women in Army Reserve units. By 1982, almost 39,000 women were in USAR units, 16.4 percent of unit strength.

From these beginnings, we move ahead to where we are now, with women being full and integral members of the Army Reserve.

More than 50,000 women make up 24.5 percent of the Selected Reserve today. Clearly, just as the Army cannot do its missions without the Army Reserve, the Army Reserve cannot do its missions without its women citizen-soldiers.

The first woman to achieve general officer rank in the Army Reserve was Dorothy B. Pocklington. She was promoted to brigadier general June 30, 1989, becoming Assistant to the Chief, Army Nurse Corps, for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs.

At present, there are five female general officers or promotable colonels in the Army Reserve in an active status. They serve as deputy commanders of major USAR commands or as senior staff officers at Army or Department of Defense-level agencies.

In June 1997, Brig. Gen. B. Sue Dueitt became the Army Reserve’s first woman general not from the Army Nurse Corps. Currently, the Assistant Chief of Public Affairs (Individual Mobilization Augmentee), Headquarters, Department of the Army, she is scheduled to take on increased responsi-

bilities as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (IMA), HQDA.

Maj. Gen. Celia L. Adolphi became the first woman in Army Reserve history to achieve two-star rank when she was promoted to that grade Nov. 29, 1999. Promoted to brigadier general in March 1998, Adolphi was the Army’s first one-star woman logistician.

Her current assignment is as the Deputy Mobilization Assistant to the Director, J-4/ Director of Operations, Logistics Readiness Center, the Joint Staff.

The other USAR women generals or promotable colonels are: Brig. Gen. Karol Kennedy, Deputy Commanding General of the 99th Regional Support Command; Brig. Gen. Donna Barbisch, Deputy Commanding General of the 3rd Medical Command; and Col. Kristine Campbell, Assistant to the Chief, Army Nurse Corps, for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs (IMA), Office of the Surgeon General.

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## Observances create better understanding

By Rudi Williams  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Ethnic and gender observances are needed as long as discrimination and bigotry exist and the contributions and achievements of women and minorities are overlooked and misrepresented, said William Leftwich, deputy assistant secretary of defense for equal opportunity.

All of DoD’s ethnic observances highlight contributions and achievements of people of color, he said. They foster better understanding, he said, and build respect for the multicolored American tapestry of races and ethnicities ignored in the classrooms in the past. Historians, moviemakers, television producers and the print media also have either ignored or misrepresented minorities, Leftwich charged.

“If the contributions and achievements of minorities aren’t brought to the attention of the nation during the observance months, most people wouldn’t know of them,” he noted. “It’s rare that we take time to recognize the contributions our forefathers and others have made.”

The first ethnic observance was the brainchild of Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American author and scholar. He established Negro History Week in 1926. The week evolved into a month-long celebration in 1976 and is observed every February.

The first Asian Pacific American Heritage Week was celebrated in May 1979. The observance was expanded to a month in 1990 by presidential proclamation. In 1992, Congress passed a measure designating May each year as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Congress passed a joint resolution on Sept. 17, 1968, creating National Hispanic Heritage Week. The week was expanded to a month by joint resolution in 1988 now is observed from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 yearly.

It took more than 80 years for the nation to establish a National American Indian Heritage Month. The Boy Scouts set aside a day for the “First Americans” in the early 1900s. On Sept. 28, 1915, the Congress of the American Indian Association declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day.

Since then, several states declared American Indian days

until 1976, when Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing the president to proclaim the week of Oct. 10-16 as “Native American Awareness Week.” Days and weeks of different months were set aside to honor the first Americans until they were given a month in 1990. President Bush proclaimed 1992 as the “Year of the American Indian,” based on legislation by Congress. Since 1994, President

Clinton has issued a proclamation each year designating November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

Leftwich said women’s’ observance programs started in the 1960s when President Kennedy established the commission on the status of women. The commission resulted in the Office of Personnel Management’s Federal Women’s Program to address employment problems dealing with women.

In 1981, Congress passed a joint resolution proclaiming March as Women’s History Month based on a 1978 model of Women’s History Week established by California’s Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women.

Celebrating women’s accomplishments dates back to March 8, 1911, the first International Women’s Day. The day was celebrated in Europe and Asia with parades and demonstrations to honor women. Women’s History Month in the United States is seen as a time for reexamining and celebrating the wide range of women’s contributions and achievements that are often overlooked in the telling of U.S. history.

“Ethnic celebrations are important because history books and the national consciousness have overlooked past and present contributions of racial and ethnic minorities and women,” Leftwich noted. “It’s important for us to remind ourselves that this country wasn’t just built by or for white men. All sorts of people contributed in various ways.”

He said the contribution of minorities and women are gradually being included in history books, but it’s still necessary to go to special books to get additional and more detailed information.

“The history of African Americans and other minorities has been complicated by issues of discrimination and prejudice,” Leftwich noted. “So we have to deal with that problem in addition to the facts of their contributions.”

### Women’s History Month: From around the world to Cochise College

#### Cochise College release

Women’s History Month will be marked at Cochise College with a unique and powerful presentations today by the survivor of a Russian prison camp.

Today at 12:15 p.m., in the Horace Steele conference room in the library on the Cochise College Sierra Vista campus, Barb Hays will discuss her experiences as a Russian prison camp survivor.

Titled, “An Eye for an Eye Until Everyone is Blind,” Hays, who is from the former East Germany, will speak about her childhood experiences as a prisoner in Russia during World War II.

Hays made it to the United States in 1964 where she studied history, humanities, and German. She has been a teacher since she was 26 years old.

“Women’s History month is about highlighting the extraordinary achievements of women throughout history,” reads the presidential proclamation designating March Women’s History Month, “while recognizing the equally significant obstacles they had to overcome along the road to success.”

Activities at Cochise College to commemorate women’s history month continue to the end of March.

The presentations are sponsored by the Cochise College Student Development Center, Cochise College Humanities Department, and the Cochise College Student Government.

All events are free and open to the public.

For more information call the Student Development Center at 515-5483.

# Fort is active member of Upper San Pedro Partnership

By **Gretchen R. Kent**  
*Physical Scientist, NEPA Coordinator*

The Upper San Pedro Partnership was created in late 1998 to facilitate and implement sound water resource management and conservation strategies in the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed.

The Sierra Vista sub watershed roughly covers the area from the border to just north of Benson and from the mountains on the west to the mountains on the east. It is a consortium of agencies that either own land and/or control land use in the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed of the Upper San Pedro River. Other members are agencies or organizations that can provide significant technical resources to help the USPP accomplish its purpose.

The purpose of the partnership is to “To coordinate and cooperate in the identification, prioritization and implementation of comprehensive policies and projects to assist in meeting water needs in the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed of the Upper San Pedro River Basin.”

The USPP was organized through a Memorandum of Understanding signed by each of the participating agencies. The parties to the MOU agreed to participate in the partnership and to assist each other in identifying sources of funding to meet the objective of sound water management in the sub-watershed. Membership is voluntary.

Some parties to the original MOU have entered into subsequent, more formal, agreements to provide funding to support the activities of the USPP. Others are also in various stages of funding projects and activities that further the purposes of the USPP, though are not

specifically partnership sponsored projects. The fort has several such projects underway.

The USPP established its first priority to be development of a Water Resources Plan. The goal of the plan is to assure that an adequate long-term groundwater supply is available to meet the reasonable needs of both the areas residents and property owners (current and future), and the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.

The partnership will identify, analyze, prioritize and recommend feasible, and reasonable, projects and policies to its member agencies that will accomplish the stated goal of the Plan. The partnership hopes to develop a consensus among its members to adopt and implement a comprehensive Water Resources Plan. The partnership will then actively support its members in seeking funds and taking action to implement the Water Resources Plan adopted by the majority of its members.

### Membership

The Upper San Pedro Partnership includes the following agencies that either own land and/or control land use, or offer significant resources to further the purpose of the Partnership, in the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed of the Upper San Pedro Basin:

### Land owners/controllers

Local: Cochise County\*, Sierra Vista\*, Bisbee and Huachuca City  
State of Arizona: State Land Department  
Federal: Forest Service, Fort Huachuca\* and Bureau of Land Manage-

ment\*  
Non-governmental: The Nature Conservancy\*

### Resource agencies

Local: Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District  
State of Arizona: Department of Water Resources\* and Department of Environmental Quality  
Federal: United States Geological Survey

\*Denotes FY 99/00 Water Resources Plan funding agencies.

### San Pedro Conservation Plan

The San Pedro Conservation Plan has been identified as the first priority of the

appropriate use of low water use technology, best management practices, and personal responsibility.

Reclaiming used water resources (treated effluent) that would otherwise be wasted. These resources would be either reused or recharged into the aquifer(s) following appropriate treatment.

Augmenting existing water resources through improved rainfall runoff harvesting techniques. This augmentation could include aquifer recharge, use of cisterns, or other technology usage.

### Partnership progress to date

To date the partnership has a five year financial plan with funding commitments of over \$2 million, has issued re-



San Pedro Partnership. It will have three basic strategies:

Reducing human and natural water consumption to the minimum necessary to meet the needs of people and nature. This could be accomplished through ap-

quests for two proposals to determine the feasibility of several types of technology implementation and will be presenting its first semi-annual report during Water Awareness Week, April 10 - 14, 2000, in Sierra Vista.

# Dental Activity Command

## Dental amalgam? DENTAC fills in questions

**Academy of General Dentistry release**  
**What is dental amalgam?**

Dental amalgams or silver fillings have reportedly been used as early as 659 A.D., France began using the materials in 1826 and the United States in 1833. Dental amalgam is made out of a mixture of metals such as silver, copper, tin and combined with mercury. The mercury makes up between 45-50 percent of the mixture and acts as a glue that binds the components into a hard, stable, and safe substance that is manipulated and placed in the tooth. In fact, amalgam is the least costly, quickest way to restore teeth, and is used in approximately 50 percent of all dental cases.

### Is dental amalgam safe?

Dental amalgam has been used for more than 150 years and can last in a patient's mouth for more than 12 years. No scientific studies have demonstrated that the mercury contained in dental amalgam

is harmful. For example, studies show that the mercury found in a filling is less than a person's normal exposure to the mercury found in food, water and air. Therefore, dentists continue to place amalgams to preserve a tooth. The United States Public Health Service and the FDA's Dental Products Panel are some of the many organizations that have determined amalgam is safe for preserving a tooth's structure.

Amalgam has been claimed to cause some health problems, such as dizziness, headaches, fatigue, nervousness and sometimes compromised general health. The only people, however, who have been found to have a true reaction to amalgam are those who are allergic to mercury, which is approximately one percent of the population. If you think you have a sensitivity to amalgam, ask your physician or dentist for a blood test.

### How is a tooth prepared for a filling?

Once your doctor determines that you have decay, it is important to remove it. Once the decay is removed, the amalgam is mixed and placed onto the tooth. The final filling is then carved and adjusted to your bite. Once placed, it can take up to two weeks for your filling to harden completely. However, you may chew on the surface 24 hours later. If you have any prolonged discomfort with the tooth, contact your dentist for an evaluation.

### Should I get my amalgams replaced?

With all the questions about amalgam, many people wonder whether they should have their fillings replaced. Removal of fillings, however, can cause structural damage to your teeth and cause unnecessary expense. So unless you are allergic to amalgam, leave your teeth alone.

You should be aware that in many jurisdictions it can be illegal for a dentist to

advise you to remove your fillings without a proper medical diagnosis.

It is necessary to replace amalgam fillings when they become loose, cracked or broken.

### Are there other options to amalgams?

The decision in placing other restoration materials should be decided by you and your dentist depending on several factors, including esthetic concerns, cost, tooth location, your wishes and time demands.

Other materials include gold, porcelain and composite resin, all of which may not be as durable as amalgam and can be more expensive. Composite resin and porcelain will allow your tooth to look more natural.

These materials may take longer to set and may cost more than traditional amalgam fillings.



# Community Updates

### Emergency committee meets

The Cochise County Local Emergency Planning Committee’s regular monthly meeting will be held on Friday at 1 p.m. in the Science Building Conference Room at Cochise College, 901 Colombo St., Sierra Vista. The public is invited to attend and ask questions. For more information, call Robert Rice at 452-8022.

### Saturday vet clinic

The Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility will conduct a morning vaccination clinic from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. To schedule an appointment, call 533-2767.

### American Legion open house

The American Legion Bill Carmichael Post 52 will be hosting an Open House Jamboree Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and March 19, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 12 Theater Drive, Sierra Vista. There will be a variety of music, food, fun and door prizes. Everyone is welcome.

### Blue Cross/Shield rep visits

On Tuesday, a representative Blue Cross/Blue Shield will come to Fort Huachuca to answer federal employees’ questions on benefits, claims or enrollment. The representative will be located in the Murr Community Center, Gila Room from 9 to 11 a.m. If you have any questions, call Michele Darby, CPAC, at 533-3340.

### DOIM classes announced

The Directorate of Information Management has released the schedule of computer training classes offered at Fort Huachuca during the month of March. Classes include Basic Structure and Design on Tuesday, Access on Wednesday, Intermediate Access on March 23 and Advanced Access on March 24. The following week MS Word is scheduled for March 27, Basic Excel for March 29, Advanced Excel for March 30 and FormFlow for March 31. For more information, call Spc. Kevin E. Mumaw at 533-2868.

### PWOC meets Tuesday

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet on Tuesdays at the Main Post Chapel from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a great time of worship, conversation with friends, and study of God’s Word. Join us and bring a friend. Childcare is provided on a limited basis to military card holders.

### Celebrate Women’s History

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr. will host a Women’s History Month Luncheon on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at the LakeSide Activity Centre. In honor of this year’s theme, “An Extraordinary Century for Women - Now, Imagine the Future!” members of Fort Huachuca’s Special Em-

phasis Program Committee will highlight the events and people who made this century such an extraordinary one for women. Come on out and enjoy an Italian Buffet while learning more about Women’s History.

Tickets are \$8 and must be purchased in advance. See your unit Equal Opportunity Representative or call the Military Equal Opportunity Office at 533-1717/5305 or 538-0533 for more information.

### Trekking across Arizona

The Thunder Mountain Trekkers will meet March 28 at 7 p.m. at Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, 311 Willcox, Sierra Vista. The Trekkers are an internationally sanctioned non-competitive sports club, sponsoring four weekend walks and eight Year Round Events in Arizona. For information, call Wendy or Dave at 378-1763.

### Financial seminar set

A Financial Awareness Seminar sponsored by the Consumer Affairs and Financial Assistance Program is scheduled for 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. March 29 at Murr Community Center. Find out more about savings, investments, life insurance, debt management, creating a budget and consumer affairs. For more information or reservations, call the ACS office at 533-2330.

### ID Card section closed

The Fort Huachuca Military Identification Card section will be closed from 1-4 p.m. on March 29 due to a Department of the Army field representative site visit. Normal hours of operation will resume at 7:30 a.m., March 30. Any questions should be directed to John Bradley at 533-1608.

### Neighborhood Commission

The Downtown Neighborhood Commission needs the community’s help. The DNC will be conducting neighborhood planning meetings for residents residing west of 7th Street on March 29 and April 1. Tentative west Sierra Vista meeting sites are Carmichael Elementary School and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. For more information, call Don Brush at 458-3315 or Steve Scott at 458-5222.

### Allergy clinic hours change

Effective March 31, the Allergy/Immunization Clinic at RWBAHC will no longer have evening hours.

The new clinic hours are as follows: Monday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.; Tuesday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. (1-2 p.m. is reserved for new patient orientation); Wednesday, allergist appointments day, no allergy shots given; Thursday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. (1-2 p.m. is reserved for new patient orientation); and Friday, 7:30-11:30 and 1-4 p.m.

Clinic closes noon-1 p.m. daily for lunch. Closed the second and fourth

Thursday of every month 1-4 p.m. for Sergeant’s time. For information, call Spc. Stout at 533-2630/2631.

### Phone Center closed

The AAFES Barracks Phone Center located in Building 52026 will be closed April 3-4 due to scheduled power outage stemming from electrical work being done in the Cochise Theater. For information, call Veronica Segarra at 459-3120.

### Optimists pancake breakfast

Sierra Vista Optimist Club will host a pancake breakfast 6-11 a.m. April 8 at the Landmark Café. Tickets are \$2 for all the pancakes you can eat, drinks and side dishes are not included in the \$2. Tickets are available from Optimist members or at the door. Proceeds benefit Optimist-sponsored programs to support the children of the local community, including scholarships, Coats for Kids and the Forgach House.

### OCS board convenes

The next installation OCS Interview Board is scheduled to convene April 19-21, in Murr Community Center, Roadrunner Conference Room beginning at 9 a.m. daily.

The deadline date for application to be received by the Adjutant General Directorate is April 10. All applications must be in an original and two copies to Personnel Operations Division, Building 41421 (ATTN: ATZS-AGO). Do not send applications through distribution. For information, call Master Sgt. Obeso or Sgt. Newell at 533-1707/1706.

### Saturday testing available

To accommodate customers who are not available to test Monday - Friday, the Army Education Center will start a three-month trial program to provide testing services on the third Saturday morning of each month, beginning April 15.

The trial program will be for DANTES Subject Standardized Tests and College Level Examination Program Tests. Testing will be appointment only; appointments must be made no later than 12:30 p.m. the Thursday prior to the Saturday the test is to be administered.

Testing participants must be at the Army Education Center by 8:50 a.m.; testing will begin promptly at 9 a.m. For information, call Sharon Townsend at 533-1701. Future test dates are May 20 and June 17.

### Vietnam Moving Wall

Southern Arizona veterans invite you to “The Vietnam Moving Wall” a community effort to honor and support those who served in Vietnam. The Vietnam Moving Wall will be on display April 16-23 at 6th and Toughnut on Skyline Drive in Tombstone. Opening ceremony is set for April

16 at 10 a.m. with a closing ceremony at 4 p.m. on April 23. No admission is charged. The display is sponsored by American Legion Post 24 of Tombstone.

### Harley Run to the Border

The Southern Arizona Harley Riders will host their 9th Annual Run to the Border 2000 during Cinco De Mayo weekend, May 5-6, at the Historic Gadsden Hotel in Douglas. Sign in May 5, 1-10 p.m. and May 6, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Fee is \$10 per person, \$9 for AMA members. Kids 13 and under are free.

This is an American Motorcycle Association sanctioned event with proceeds benefiting Cochise County charities. All motorcycle makes and models welcome. Open to the public. No weapons and no bad attitudes. For information, call Mata at 459-4135.

### Miss Sierra Vista applications

Applications for the Miss Sierra Vista 2000 pageant are now available at Jim’s Glass and Mirror, 81 S. Garden Ave., Sierra Vista. Competed applications must be returned by May 15. The pageant is open to young women between the ages of 17 and 24. You must be a high school graduate and 17 years old by July 31, 2000 and no more than 24 years old by October 2001. The pageant is open to young women residing in Sierra Vista, Fort Huachuca, Tombstone, Huachuca City and surrounding areas.

The contestants will be required to perform a 2 minute 30 second talent. The pageant is set for July 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Buena Performing Arts Center at Buena High School. For information, call 378-3792 or 459-0272.

### 4th U.S. Cavalry recruits

Ride with the U.S. Cavalry. Cavalry troopers with the dash, discipline and daring to preserve and promote the traditions of the B Troop 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment are needed. Membership is voluntary and open to male permanent party soldiers, retirees and DoD civilians.

Call Staff Sgt. Chris Ehney at 538-6063 or e-mail [ehneyc@huachuca-embl.army.mil](mailto:ehneyc@huachuca-embl.army.mil). Females may volunteer for the Ladies Auxiliary. Ground School meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Private Stables of Buffalo Corral. For information, visit the troop website at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/BTROOP/BTROOP.HTM>.

### SAT/ACT testing

The Buffalo Soldier Education Center administers the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the American College Testing Assessment. These tests are available to active duty and Reserve component personnel only. The SAT and ACT scores are used as a college admission requirement and for student placement. For information, call the Education Center at 533-3010/2255.

# When the eagle speaks, children listen



Photo by Spc. Joseph Mykal Scarfone

Willy Whitefeather grasps the attention of Smith Middle School students with Cherokee wisemen tales.

By Spc. Joseph Mykal Scarfone  
Scout Staff

“Osiyo,” calls out a gray-haired man in his native Cherokee language to his “tribe,” a group of 50 Smith Middle School students. The students look back mystified to the man whose weather beaten face tells a tale all of its own.

Picking up a conch shell, Willy Whitefeather, a Cherokee author/speaker, blows into it creating a call to his tribe. As his tribesmen sit semi-circle around him, he explains Cherokee philosophy.

Touching the points on the conch shell Whitefeather explains.

“In Cherokee you start out s m a l l , ” Whitefeather says while pointing to the smallest nodule on the shell. “You gradually work your way up, getting bigger and bigger with wisdom. Finally you reach so high you become an eagle,” he says as he tilts the shell sideways to create the image of a soaring eagle.

Through his Cherokee wiseman tales Whitefeather instantly grasps the attention of the middle school students. Using the same style of teaching as in his two five-star books “Outdoor Survival Handbook for Kids” and “River Book for Kids,” Whitefeather is able to teach at a level that the kids can get the most out of.

Whitefeather is known for his books that have helped save children’s lives in crises.

On two documented occasions his books have saved the lives of children who were alone in the wilderness.

“The reason I wrote the survival book was to save a kid’s life,” Whitefeather said. “I know of 28 kids that went out into the desert and mountains and never came back.”

His books are now in their ninth printing and can

be purchased online at [www.1999.com/whitefeather](http://www.1999.com/whitefeather).

Through deep thinking methods similar to meditation Whitefeather is able to help kids realize their strengths.

Using a woodwind flute Whitefeather plays an enchanting tune helping the kids reach a meditative state of mind.

“Pretend you are an eagle, flying, higher, higher,” Whitefeather speaks softly. “You’re flying higher and higher, above Tucson.” He stops playing the music and asks, “How many got this high,” while holding a picture of the Great Snow Eagle — the earth. A sea of arms raises. “See, and you didn’t do it with drugs.”

Whitefeather spoke about many important aspects in his lecture. He made sure the children walked away with a positive feeling about themselves.

“Say I am great,” Whitefeather said. The room echoed back at Whitefeather with a boom, “I am great.” With smiles, laughs and positive energy the children believed what they were saying.

“The kids love him,”

said Glusta Williams-Spann, Smith Middle School principal’s secretary. “He’s up close and personal and talks to them on a level they can understand.”

Whitefeather is a traveling speaker who has traveled as far as Italy and South America.

He travels to schools, prisons and homeless shelters teaching his virtues.

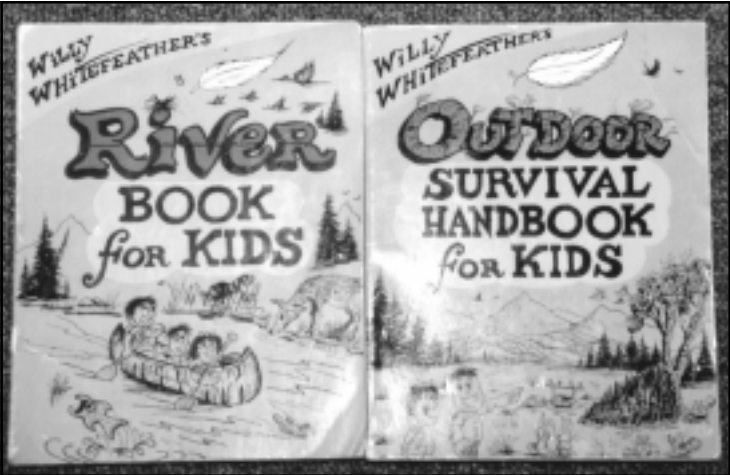
“I teach the homeless how to survive, how to keep warm,” Whitefeather said.

Whitefeather feels that teaching children is his most important mission.

“I want the kids to work together to stop violence in schools, to stop using drugs,” Whitefeather said. “You’re our future, I want you to make it,” he explains to the children. “I want you to write down your dreams, follow them, and find that star.”

Because of the overwhelming response from the students, the Department of Public Safety is looking to bring Whitefeather back to the schools later this year.

“He is extremely wise,” Williams-Spann said.



Willy Whitefeather’s River and Outdoor survival books are known for helping to save children’s lives in crisis.

## School News

### Fort schools’ award winning students look forward to Spring Break

Accommodation Schools release

**Book adoption:** The Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools are considering a science/health adoption for the 2000-2001 school year. Revised curricula and samples of the proposed school materials are available by calling Sally Holcombe at 458-5082.

Smith Middle School

The Smith Middle School “A” Team won the Benson Academic Bowl Competition on March 7. A plaque was presented which will be on display in the Smith Office.

Dates to remember

Thursday	Music Program 1:30 p.m. at Johnston
Friday	Third Quarter Ends
Monday through March 24	Spring Break - No school

Myer Elementary School

**Megellan Running Club:** Top fourth grade girl was Chomin Dalton from Jan Camp’s room, with 15 1/4 miles. Top fourth grade boy Thomas Gaffney, from Jan Bowie’s room accumulated 10 1/4 miles. Top fourth grade class was Jan Barnes room with 75 1/4 miles.

Top fifth grade girl, Jenny Lewis ran 16 miles. Jenny is from Val Quarto’s class. Cory Miller, from Bonnie Burleson’s class, was the top fifth grade boy with 16 miles.

The top fifth grade class was Bonnie Burleson’s room with 9 1/2 miles. Myer Students ran a total of 723 miles for the week and a total of 22,453 miles for the year.

**Terri Romo’s fifth grade class elected class officer’s for the month.** President is Christian Maldonado, Vice President is Maya Strauss, Secretary is Mia Newell, and Treasurer is Amber Kenyon. Valerie Valdez was the “2000” Poetry winner from

Myer School and she is a member of Ms. Romo’s class.

Valerie’s poem was entitled “I Am.” She will represent our district on the state level.

**Storytelling contest winners are:** Fourth grade — First Place, Tyler Graves; Second Place, Thomas Gaffney; and Third Place, Teresa Totoris. Fifth grade — First Place, Kayla Frank; Second Place, Chelsea Madarang; and Third Place, Courtney Agualo.

First place winners in both grades will go on to the city level, date and time to be announced at a later date.



# In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.

## Fort Huachuca ARMY LODGING

In October 1998, Army Lodging was moved under MWR from the Department of Installation Support. The Army Lodging Office provides guest housing, temporary duty housing and boarding kennels for pets.

Guest housing is provided for the following persons on a first-come first-serve, confirmed reservation, basis without regard to rank: PCS service members and their families or family members alone who are temporarily without permanent housing; service members and family members who are retiring or being released from the service; families, relatives and guests of hospitalized service members and their families; active and retired military personnel and family members undergoing outpatient treatment at a medical facility who must stay overnight; official guests of the installation determined by the installation commander, soldiers or their family members who are visiting the installation incident to interment of the soldier or family members.

Service members on PCS orders to this installation may stay up to seven days unless otherwise indicated. Extensions are authorized if space is available. Guest houses include the Holman Guest House and the Allen Guest House.

The Holman House was built in 1971 and has 21 rooms, a community lounge, kitchen and laundry room. Each room has two queen beds, a microfridge, cable TV, telephone, private bath. Rollaway beds and cribs are also available.

The Allen Guest House was built in 1915 and consists of 12 apartments, a community kitchen and laundry room. Apartments are either one, two or three bedroom with living room, private bath, cable TV and telephone. Apartments have either a kitchen unit or microfridge.

Temporary duty housing is provided for the following persons: TDY military and TDY civilians, U.S. and foreign guests of the Military Services, reserve and national guard personnel on individual training orders, TDY foreign national or foreign military trainees engaged in or sponsored by military assistance, military family members on medical TDY orders, and guests of the Armed Forces as determined by the installation commander.

Temporary housing includes the Hazen House, Visiting Officers Quarter and Visiting Enlisted Quarters. The Hazen House was built in 1891 and has four suites, two apartments, a community lounge, kitchen and laundry room and has been newly decorated. The suites are large with a living room, one or two bedrooms and a private bath. The one bedroom suites have a full kitchen. The apartments are smaller, each with a living room and one bedroom. All rooms have cable TV and a telephone.

Visiting Officers Quarters consist of three buildings. Each room has a double bed, kitchen with microwave, private bath, cable TV and telephone. Visiting Enlisted Quarters consists of one building. Each room has a double bed, microfridge, cable TV and telephone. Two rooms share a connecting bath.

Animals are allowed only in a few guest house rooms. Animals may stay in the guest house rooms overnight when arriving after duty hours. Reservations may also be made for boarding kennels.

For rates and further information please call 533-2222 or 533-5361.

# Harlem Ambassadors World Tour coming to Barnes Field House April 1

MWR release

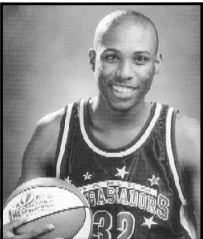
Coming to Fort Huachuca on April 1 at 1 p.m., the Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball team is bringing dazzling ball handling tricks, hilarious comedy routines, spectacular slam-dunks and head-spinning hardcourt high jinks.

The Harlem Amabassadors show basketball game is sure to provide a fun, family atmosphere that kids and grown-ups will love. The Ambassadors tip off against the Huachuca Scouts, a team comprised of active duty military personnel, at Barnes Field House. This show is presented by MWR.

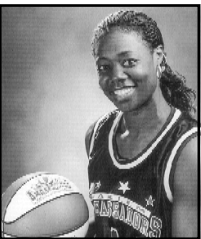
The Ambassadors are led by Ladé Majic, Queen of Show Basketball. Ladé Majic is currently the only woman to play for a showbasketball team, and as it's coach, the only woman to coach a man's team. She has more experience as a show basketball performer than any woman in history. Ladé Majic was the first female member in the 30 year history of the renowned Harlem Wizards, an organization which has included NBA Hall of Famers like Connie Hawkins and Nate Archibald. Additionally, she played competitive ball overseas and was a Big Eight All-Decade Team selection for the University of Missouri.

This event is sure to include friendly competition and a great deal of interaction with members of the audience. Players will sign autographs following the game.

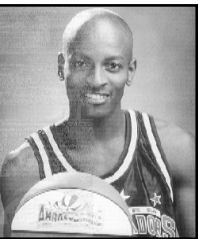
All seats are general admission and ticket prices are \$5 in advance and \$8 dollars at the door. Tickets will be sold on Fort Huachuca at the following locations: La Hacienda, Desert Lanes Bowling Center, MWR Box Office, MWR Rents and Barnes Field House. For more information call 533-5031.



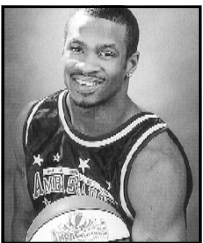
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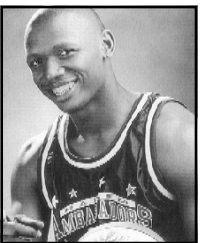
Sandie Prophete,  
"Ladé Majic"  
Queen of Show  
Basketball



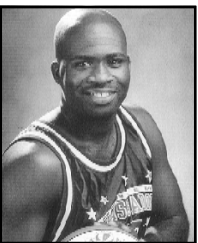
Reggie Thompson  
"Fly"



Karim Scott  
"Smooth"



Donnell Harrison  
"Thunder"



Ketrick Copeland  
"Jazz"

# RUNNERS ON YOUR MARK...

## Coming May 6, 2000, Southeastern Arizona's All New Marathon!

Run the Full, the Half, the 5K Fun Run, the Wheelchair Race or get your 4-Member Relay Team ready! This new marathon has a \$3000 purse. Your entry fee includes the 2000 Thunder Mountain Marathon T-shirt and a FREE Pre-Race Pasta Fest meal the night before.



### THUNDER MOUNTAIN MARATHON AND RELAYS

**FORT HUACHUCA  
SIERRA VISTA - AZ**

Track & Field Certification Number: AZ-00001-JI

If You'd Like to Volunteer For This Event, Call Karla Grosinsky at 533-3686  
For More Information Call (520) 533-5031, Visit [mwrhuachuca.com](http://mwrhuachuca.com)  
or Email: [kimseym@huachuca-emh1.army.mil](mailto:kimseym@huachuca-emh1.army.mil)







# Fort Huachuca Morale, Welfare & Recreation Updates



The Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is responsible for content appearing on MWR pages in The Fort Huachuca Scout.

Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to [germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil](mailto:germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil).

## Buffalo Corral Riding Stables

Do you like to ride horses a lot? Are the daily fees starting to put a crimp in your pocketbook? Have you ever wanted to ride and found all the horses taken? If you answered yes to the above questions, Buffalo Corral has the solution for you. Lease a horse for just \$175 per month for authorized MWR patrons and \$225 per month for the general public. These prices include everything, from saddle and bridle to feed; you won't even have to take care of your horse — we do that too! For more information, call 533-5220.

Church groups, Boy/Girl Scouts or just a large group of friends, The Buffalo Corral can set up a trail ride for your group of 15 or more. Rides are for ages seven and above and reservations are required at least two weeks in advance. Cost is \$12 for authorized patron and \$18 for the general public. For more information, call 533-5220.

## SPORTSMAN'S CENTER 533-7085

Sign-up for the new Chinese Doubles Trap and Skeet League. This league will meet Wednesday and every Wednesday thereafter at 5 p.m. Membership dues are \$10. 50 targets per week at \$6 for 10 weeks.

The first Night paintball Game of the year will be held on March 31, 8-11 p.m. Cost is \$5 for the range fee or \$20 for paintball marker rental. Sign-up from 7 to 8 p.m.

A Reloading Class will be held on March 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10.

A Concealed Carry Class will be held on Sunday and Wednesday from 6-10 p.m. Cost is \$67. Range Day will be held on Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

The Trap Amateur Association State Shoot began Monday and will continue through Sunday. Come and watch the best shooters from around the country shoot clay targets in three different events.

## B.A.R.N.E.S FIELD HOUSE

### BFH closed March 31, April 1

Barnes Field House will be closed March 31 beginning at 1:30 p.m. and April 1 all day for the Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Game.

### Bujalski Track closed daily

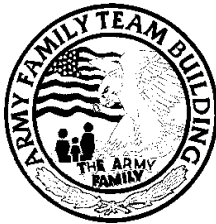
Bujalski Track will be used by Buena High Track Team daily Monday-Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. until May 15 and will be closed to all other users.

### Racquetball tournament

March 25-26 starting at 9 a.m., BFH will host a racquetball tournament for the novice racquetball player who would like to improve their skills. A Pro-Am Certified Instructor will conduct a free clinic Saturday morning covering rules, stroke technique and safety. Entries will determine tournament format. Open to all authorized patrons. For information call 533-5031.

### YS seeks volunteers

Youth Sports is currently seeking volunteers to act as spokespersons for the Youth Sports Focus Group. The group will meet on March 29. Interested parties should contact Youth Sports at 533-2541 and leave your name, address, telephone number and your association with Youth Sports. Selections for spokespersons will be made on March 16.



### AFAP Symposium postponed

The Army Family Action Plan Symposium has been postponed. The symposium will be rescheduled during the May time frame. Exact dates will be announced. For more information, contact Gail Mortensen at 533-6871 or Sharon Gonzalez at 533-2330.

# St. Patrick's Day

*May you always have... Walls for the winds, a roof for the rain, tea beside the fire, laughter to cheer you, those you love near you, and all your heart might desire.*

### Irish Blessing

Compiled by Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

Saint Patrick's Day, Friday, is an Irish holiday honoring Saint Patrick, the missionary credited with converting the Irish to Christianity in the Fifth Century. In America, Saint Patrick's Day is a time to wear green and party. The first American celebration of Saint Patrick's Day was in Boston, Mass., in 1737.

### What's good luck on Saint Patrick's Day?

- Finding a four-leafed clover (that's double the good luck it usually is).
- Wearing green (school children pinch classmates who don't wear green on this holiday).
- Kissing the blarney stone.

### Things associated with Saint Patrick's Day

**The color green** — because it is the color of spring, Ireland and the shamrock.

**Leprechaun** — Irish fairy. The name leprechaun is derived from the old Irish word luchorpan which means "little body." A leprechaun is a fairy taking the appearance of a miniature old man. Leprechauns are solitary creatures and spend their time making shoes and brogues.

If you hear the sound of his hammer when he is at work you know you have found him. If caught, he can be forced to reveal the whereabouts of his treasure, but the captor must keep their eyes on him every second. If the captor's eyes leave the leprechaun, just for a moment, he will van-

ish.

**The Blarney Stone** — a stone set in the wall of the Blarney Castle tower in the Irish village of Blarney. Kissing the stone is supposed to bring the kisser the gift of persuasive eloquence (blarney).

The origins of the Blarney Stone's magical properties aren't clear, but one legend says that an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning. Kissing the stone while under the spell gave the king the ability to speak sweetly and convincingly.

**Shamrock** — a member of the clover family, was used by Patrick to explain the mystery of the Trinity, the three leaves of the shamrock representing the Trinity (the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit).

According to Irish legend, Ireland's patron saint chose the shamrock as a symbol of the Trinity of the Christian church. To this day the shamrock remains the national emblem of Ireland and is worn proudly by Irish people the world over on St. Patrick's Day (March 17).

No one can agree on which plant is the shamrock picked by St. Patrick. Many claim it is the small hop clover (*Trifolium procumbens*), a plant with yellow flowers and blue-green leaflets.

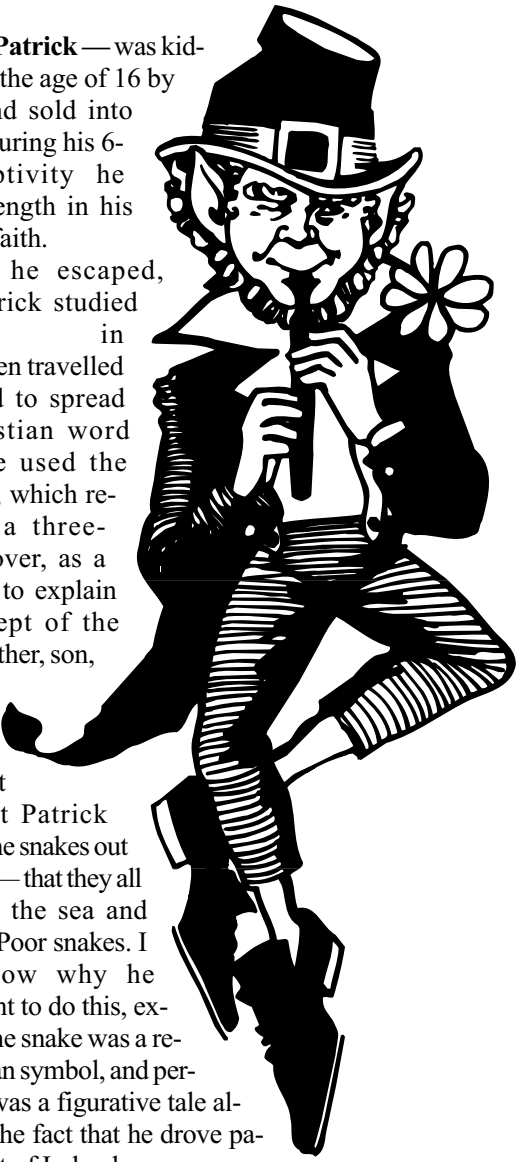
Others believe it is a variety of white clover (*T. repens*) or the black medic (*Medicago lupulina*). These plants are native to Europe and naturalized in North America. The European wood sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*), which grows in Europe and Asia, is also often considered to be the true

shamrock.

**Saint Patrick** — was kidnapped at the age of 16 by pirates and sold into slavery. During his 6-year captivity he found strength in his religious faith.

After he escaped, Saint Patrick studied religion in Europe, then travelled to Ireland to spread the Christian word there. He used the shamrock, which resembles a three-leafed clover, as a metaphor to explain the concept of the Trinity (father, son, holy spirit).

Legend has it that Saint Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland — that they all went into the sea and drowned. Poor snakes. I don't know why he would want to do this, except that the snake was a revered pagan symbol, and perhaps this was a figurative tale alluding to the fact that he drove paganism out of Ireland.



# Eagle Scout projects protect environment, reconstruct trail

## Four troops give facelift to Sycamore Pond

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

Sycamore Pond, near Black Tower in Fort Huachuca’s west range area got a facelift over the weekend. Boys Scouts and scout leaders from four area Boy Scout Troops put their combined efforts into an Eagle Scout project planned and supervised by Travis G. Boltz.

Boltz, a 15 year-old Life Scout, is close to earning Scouting’s highest award, the Eagle Scout.

Planning for his project began shortly after Christmas when Boltz met with Sheridan Stone, Fort Huachuca’s biologist. Sycamore Pond has not been worked on for many years and over that time there has been a buildup of man-made debris and the growth of plants, particularly the African Tamarisk trees, in the area.

On Saturday, 19 Boy Scouts and a

handful of adults arrived at the Sycamore Pond site around 9:30 a.m. Over the next six hours they removed a large number of the Tamarisk trees and replanted cuttings from Willow and Cottonwood trees in their place. Using a technique called “barepole holes,” the Scouts dug a hole in the ground about 12 inches deep. In these holes were placed tall branch cuttings from Willow and Cottonwood trees, which are expected to sprout new roots and thrive in the area.

According to Boltz, these trees were selected for planting by Stone because of their ability to adapt to the local climate and that they need very little moisture to survive.

In the pond, which covers about a half-acre, the working parties of Scouts spent several hours removing old tires and a lot of deadwood, improving the appearance of the area and enhancing the local environment for wildlife and humans alike.

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## Scouts restore one mile of Parker Canyon trail

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

Parker Canyon Lake’s Arizona Trail is a safer place for hikers and horseback riders because of the efforts of one Boy Scout and over 60 other Scouts, Girl Scouts and adult Scout leaders.

Alex Laszok, 14, planned and executed his project for the Eagle Scout award, that will have a lasting effect on the safety of others and the preservation of the environment, to include the Huachuca Water Umbel.

Planning for his project began in January when the Smith Middle School student met with Steve Saway, vice president, Arizona Trail Association and Cathy Kahlow, a Ranger with the U.S. Forest Service in Sierra Vista.

Nearly 25 hours was spent in planning the different phases of the project at Parker

Canyon Lake. One of the primary reasons behind the trail restoration was to save the Huachuca Water Umbel, an endangered plant only found in the local area.

With the deterioration of the hiking and riding trail, hikers and horseback riders were leaving the established trail and riding in the grass area on either side. This placed the Huachuca Water Umbel plants in harms way.

Laszok’s plan included an overall reconstruction of a one-mile stretch of the Arizona Trail. In the construction area, several water erosion problems were corrected when a series of water bars were installed. They carry water away from the trail and allows it to drain into areas where the moisture can be better used by the plants and wildlife.

On February 26, a convoy of vehicles with the working crews from Girl Scout Troop 661, sponsored by Sierra Vista; Boy

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## Backlog from Page 1

gal drugs, alcohol dependency and felony crimes.

Hall said “one area that holds up security clearances for most people today are their finances.” Other areas involve acts of disloyalty towards the United States or a long listing of minor offenses that show a pattern of abuse or unreliability.

In some cases where a clearance is disapprove for past misconduct, after a period time this could be forgiven and a clearance granted.

But, Hall said this is on an individual case by case basis and under special circumstances. The decision can only be approved by U.S. Army Central Clearance Facility at Fort Meade, Md.

Cunningham, a retired Air Force lieutenant general who took over as security service chief last summer, said several factors produced the backlog. First, requirements for updating secret and confidential clearances were tightened after 1997, which meant DSS was suddenly faced with reinvestigations that previously wouldn’t have been due for several years.

In addition, like most DoD agencies throughout the 1990s, DSS downsized — it shrank about 40 percent, Cunningham pointed out.

A \$100 million computer system installed in 1998 was expected to help alleviate some of the backlog, but it simply did not work.

Cunningham cited problems with proper testing, inadequate design and lack of expertise within DSS to manage the information technology.

He said the Air Force is now helping in the information technology area by providing a program management office that coordinates all contractors who work on DSS systems.

While the backlog is not scheduled to be completely cleared up until the end of 2001, DSS in the meantime is developing a computer program to sort through personnel questionnaires and to select high-risk cases for immediate investigation or review.

“We have a random sampling technique that tells us where problems exist, and we will go to those problem areas in a priority fashion,” Cunningham said. “So service members should not be discouraged that we have a backlog and somehow all of a sudden our security is jeopardized. It is not.”

He emphasized that DSS now has management plans in place not only to catch up with the current backlog and workload, but also to prevent future backlogs. One option being considered is use of private contractors to help conduct investigations.

“As we look forward, we see that we can go to the private sector as long as we keep certain key elements important to the government in the government, such as investigation standards and quality management,” Cunningham said.

While DSS concentrates on clearing up the backlog, the director said, service members and civilian employees can do their part by ensuring all papers submitted for clearances are accurate and up to date.

“For example, there’s the Electronic Personnel Security Questionnaire, and it is extremely important,” he said.

“If you’re doing one, please do it carefully,” he advised. “We need to have good information to initiate an investigation.”

He also asks that those awaiting clearances be patient.

“This is not like a hurdle,” he said in reference to clearing the backlog. “It’s more like climbing a mountain.

“To be constantly asking about the status of your clearance is not going to be helpful,” he cautioned. “In fact, it will cause the same people who would otherwise be working on clearances to be answering questions. We are fixing the problems and have the techniques to continue to protect our security. So please be patient and don’t be discouraged.”

## Census 2000 from Page 3

Wilson-Bradley and Bishop have developed a plan to ensure the Census Count 2000 is accomplished within the Constitutional guidelines. Unit commanders have been instructed to appoint a Census Manager at the brigade level. Each battalion will appoint an Enumerator and each company will appoint one unit representative for each 50 soldiers assigned.

All of the soldiers appointed to the Census 2000 project will be required to take an oath to protect an individual’s privacy and to sign a form acknowledging their understanding and compliance. Wilson-Bradley will give this oath during each of the three training sessions she will present later this month. It is mandatory for unit representatives to attend one of the following training sessions:

Wednesday - 8 a.m.-noon at Murr Community in the Stage Stop Room

March 24 - 8 a.m.-noon at Murr Community in the Stage Stop Room

March 28 - 8 a.m.-noon at Murr Community in the Jack Rabbit Room

On March 31 Wilson-Bradley will also take the Census forms to people staying at the Apache Flats RV Park and the RV overflow area, and to those who are living in the on-post transit facilities.



The Fort Huachuca Scout: Have we got news for you!

# ‘Deadbeats’ may lose ability to travel OCONUS

By Sgt. Cullen James  
Scout Staff

Federal employees, including DoD soldiers and civilians, and their family members who owe an excess of \$5,000 in back child support may not be able to travel abroad.

The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 22, Section 51.70 (A)(8) establishes a policy for anyone who is “In rears of child support in excess of \$5,000.”

“What we’re doing and how we’re getting involved is when a government employee or soldier applies for a passport, and they owe this child support, they will be denied,” said Bill Taylor, chief, Fort Huachuca Strength Management

Office.

It also applies to family members. “When you’re ready to go overseas, your family members won’t be able to go because they won’t be able to get a passport [if they owe the back support],” said Taylor.

A commonly used term for this situation is “deadbeat dads,” but Taylor says he doesn’t like the term. “The regulation doesn’t call it anything. It just defines the problem. Although I haven’t seen it, a woman could be in this position also. It all depends on who owes the child support,” he explained.

The policy has been in effect for about a year and in that time Taylor has only

“What we’re doing and how we’re getting involved is when a government employee or soldier applies for a passport, and they owe this child support, they will be denied.

Bill Taylor

dealt with about four people delinquent in excess of \$5,000. “I’ve been here a year-and-a-half, and in that time I haven’t had one soldier be refused a passport for this,” he said. “There have been two or three civilians and one family member. I’m not sure what happened with the civilians, but in the case of the family mem-

ber he was able to get a hold of his sponsor and come up with the money to pay off the back child support.”

“A lot of civilians require passports for their jobs — going TDY and such,” Taylor said. “If they can’t get a passport, that could be grounds for dismissal because they can’t perform their job duties.”

## Library is your ‘know-zone’ connection

By Natalie Danforth  
Reference Librarian

Are you frazzled from staring bleary-eyed at the Internet for hours? Would you like some professional help?

Call 533-3041 and ask for your Fort Huachuca Reference Librarian. After clarifying your request, I will either do preliminary research for you, or provide guidance on reliable resources for your own action. In many cases I can e-mail related journal articles to you that day. Mission and educational support questions will have priority.

E-mail me at [danforthn@huachuca-emh1.army.mil](mailto:danforthn@huachuca-emh1.army.mil) or call me at 533-3041. My fax number is 538-2119.

In most cases you will need to be a registered user of the consolidated Main/Children’s/Intelligence Library. One card is issued to a family unit. If you are making your request through MS-Exchange, registration is not always necessary.

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*A Walk to Remember*  
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*Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets*  
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*Harry Potter & the Sorcerer’s Stone*  
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*Timeline*

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*The Raock Says*  
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*The Art of Happiness*  
*The New, New thing*  
*Galileo’s Daughter*

## Commissary shoppers save 27 percent

### DeCA release

FORT LEE, Va. — The slogan for The Defense Commissary Agency is “Bring Home the Savings!” Now there’s proof as a new study shows military shoppers indeed bring home the savings when they use their commissary benefit.

The 1999 Market Basket Price Comparison Study found 27 percent average savings for shoppers in the contiguous United States. An independent contractor provided the study data.

“Commissary savings show we con-

tinue to do a great job delivering this important part of military pay and benefits,” said DeCA Chief Executive Officer, John F. McGowan. “Even as competition within the supermarket industry drives down private sector prices, DeCA continues to provide a great value to our patrons as we obtain excellent prices from our suppliers.”

The Market Basket Study determines the difference between military and private sector supermarket prices. The study compared the prices of items from a representative sample of 28 commissaries in the con-

tiguous United States to the prices of items in traditional supermarkets within the marketing areas of those commissaries.

Approximately 500 items, representing a broad range of most frequently purchased items across all categories, were surveyed. These included canned goods, meat and produce, bakery and dairy items, baby care products, health and beauty items, and paper goods.

Price comparisons took into account both commercial sales tax where levied and the 5 percent commissary surcharge. Data from overseas stores was not included in this comparison, since comparable data

from overseas civilian grocers is not readily available and varies greatly from country to country.

At 27 percent, DeCA exceeds its performance promise to the Department of Defense to provide 25 percent savings for military grocery shoppers. With 27 percent savings, a family of four routinely shopping their commissary will save \$2,030 per year, based on official U.S. statistics for home consumption of food bought in stores.

Commissary shoppers can save even more by using manufacturer coupons. In fiscal 1998, commissary shoppers redeemed about \$104 million in coupons.

## Museum to receive rare cipher device

By Tanja M. Linton  
Media Relations Officer

The Military Intelligence Museum will receive a rare cipher device for its permanent display in a ceremony today at 9 a.m.

Larry Hampton, National Security Liaison Officer, will present the museum its very own “ENIGMA” on behalf of the National Cryptologic Museum at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

During World War II, German and Japanese military leadership employed a cipher device they believed to be unbreakable. Fortunately for the nations allied against them, they proved to be wrong.

The device, code named by the allies

“ENIGMA,” was successfully exploited by British and American cryptographers in one of the most spectacular cryptologic coups in history.

Allied exploitation and the success in hiding that exploitation from the Axis high commands played a pivotal role in the successful prosecution of the war.

This particular device was used by German ground forces during World War II, after its manufacture in 1942. It has never been on public display.

Along with the device, Hampton will provide photographs of this type of device in use by German troops and a CD ROM with a simulation of the “ENIGMA” so museum visitors can have a hands-on experience.

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Scout Troops 432 and 431, sponsored by Fort Huachuca’s Youth Activities; Boy Scout Troop 480, sponsored by the Faith Presbyterian Church in Sierra Vista; and student volunteers from Buena High School who needed volunteer hours; descended on the Arizona Trail.

Combined, over 300-man hours went



Cathy Kahlow from the forest service gives the Scouts a safety brief before they start.

into the reconstruction project.

A team of scouts were assigned to repairing and replacing trail markers, installing six new markers, and building rock carins, which are piles of rocks about waist high and are placed next to the trail to keep hikers and riders on the correct path.

The youngest Scouts of the group Chris Nieto (12) and Trevor Castenares

(11), helped remove two illegal fire rings built by unauthorized campers in the area.

The Scouts also removed a lot of large rocks from a steep incline on the trail, used rocks to fill in a gully nearly 300 yards long, trimmed overhead trees and bushes as well as a lot of the undergrowth along the trail. This improved the safety

for people using the trail for recreational purposes.

Wayne Trader, assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 480 said he was “very pleased with the large turn out and was amazed that so many different groups could come together

so quickly and accomplish so much work.”

Ernie Fedewa, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 432, said “the value of an Eagle Project is that it teaches a scout how to plan and carry out a major project. It is the culmination of what we have been teaching our scouts in leadership.”

On-site, construction materials, tools and technical guidance were provided by



Photos by Col. Richard W. Laszok

Older Scouts repair erosion and put in water bars

the U.S. Forestry Service and Kahlow, the U.S. Forest Ranger, who gave the Scouts a safety class on the tools and materials to be used before work started. Kahlow commented that she and the Forestry Service were very grateful for the work accomplished by the Boy Scouts. She said, given today’s tight budgets and other constraints, it would have taken at least three months for all this to be accomplished by the Forest Service.

As for Life Scout Laszok, he is now

three merit badges away from meeting all the requirements to be eligible for the Eagle Scout award. Laszok has 31 merit badges, but lacks Family Life, Personnel Management and Communications, all of which are among the 12 required merit badges for Eagle Scout.

His father has a \$50 bet with his son that he will not complete all Three merit badge requirements by June 30. The younger Laszok just smiled when he heard that.

Observances from Page 4

The first Army Reserve woman to win the Army Reserve Drill Sergeant of the Year title was Sgt. 1st Class Teresa Belles of the 100th Training Division in 1997. That same year, Staff Sgt. Kim Dionne became the U.S. Army Reserve Recruiter of the Year.

The 1999 Army Reserve Recruiter of the Year was also a woman, Sgt. 1st Class Elizabeth Green of the Los Angeles Recruiting Battalion.

First Lt. Ruthie Bolton was the first Army Reservist to make the U.S. Olympic women’s basketball team in 1996.

The achievements of Army Reservists have not been contained entirely within the Army.

Lt. Col. Christina Anderson, an Active Guard Reserve officer, was the first Army woman, Active or Reserve, to attend the Marine Corps resident Command and Gen-

eral Staff College at Quantico, Va., in 1992.

First’s run in the Anderson family. Her sister, Col. Karen Lloyd, was the Army’s first woman Medical Service Corps medevac helicopter pilot. Although Lloyd is a member of the active component, both sisters were commissioned from the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Their college, Indiana University, was one of the initial schools to admit women in the ROTC program.

More recently, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Gwen Schallow of the 8th Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment, became the first Army woman — Active or Reserve — to qualify as pilot in command of an Apache attack helicopter. In the summer of 1999, Schallow and her unit deployed to Bosnia where the Army Reserve unit provided air support for the 10th Mountain Division. This was another first: the first time a reserve compo-

nent unit performed the combat aviation mission in Bosnia.

Wherever the Army Reserve is today, from the Balkans to Central America, from an Army Reserve Center in New Hampshire to an exercise at Fort Bliss, Texas, women reservists make their presence felt. Sometimes they do so in rather dramatic fashion, as did Lt. Col. Jill Morgenthaler in Bosnia a couple of years ago.

She took the kind of action that would make any fan of John Wayne or Sigourney Weaver of the “Alien” movies to use a female action hero, proud.

When a crowd started to turn threateningly toward the deputy commander of the 1st Armored Division, Morgenthaler confronted the leader of the troublemakers. She told him that if he did not calm down his followers, she would shoot him. She did not

pull out her pistol. The look in her eyes made it clear that she meant what she said. It convinced the leader of the troublemakers; he ordered the others to back off and the incident ended peacefully.

Perhaps that is not the “traditional” response one might have expected from a woman. Women in the Army Reserve, however, have a way of making their own traditions. They did in the 20th Century and they are doing so in the 21st Century.

Those traditions and what women citizen-soldiers have achieved and continue to achieve help make the U.S. Army Reserve — and the U.S. Army — the best in the world.

(Editor’s note: Lt. Col. Randy Pullen is assigned to the Public Affairs and Liaison Directorate at the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve.)

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<http://www.gre.org>. The GMAT web site is [www.gmat.org](http://www.gmat.org).

Interest/aptitude tests

The Strong Interest Inventory measures the examinee’s interest in careers requiring advanced technical or college training. Basic interest scales provide information about 23 career fields such as medical science, law/politics, and business management.

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National certification examinations

These examinations are used to evaluate professional and technical competency in areas such as medical, technical, elec-

tronics, data processing, and automotive. These exams allow soldiers to receive certificates or licenses which may enhance professional standards for soldiers and contribute to post-service employment opportunities.

They are offered on specific dates and require prior application. In most cases, the examinee is responsible for the examination fee.

Army personnel tests

The Armed Forces Classification Test, the Alternate Flight Aptitude Test, the De-

fense Language Aptitude Battery, and the Army Typing Test are given through the testing office. A DA Form 4187 is required prior to scheduling the exam.

In addition to the above tests, the testing office also offers the Test of Adult Basic Education; pre-CLEP, pre-GED, GED, and GT predictor tests; tests for college and military correspondence courses; and local college placement tests.

The testing office is open Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. and Friday 7:30-noon. For information, call 533-1701/3010.

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Boltz said that “today Boy Scout Eagle projects must show leadership on the part of the scout planning the project and it must have a lasting positive effect on the environment.”

In preparing for his project, Boltz spent approximately 15 hours in the developing and planning stage and approximately 100 hours in the execution stage.

Helping him with the on-site work were Boy Scouts from Troops 431 and 432, both sponsored by Fort Huachuca’s Youth Activities, Troop 480, sponsored by the Faith Presbyterian Church in Sierra Vista and Troop 528 from Elgin, Ariz.

To be eligible for the Eagle Scout award, Boltz needed 21 merit badges including 12 required badges, held a leader-

ship position in his troop, and planned his Eagle Project. He has earned 33 Merit Badges, including the 12 required, served as his Troop’s Scribe, an Assistant Patrol Leader, as the Senior Patrol Leader and currently as an Instructor.

In addition to this, he has earned the BSA Religious Award, the Environmental and Conservation Award, The Arrow of Light Award (highest award in Cub Scouting) and is a member of Scouting’s Order of the Arrow.

Boy Scout Troop 432 is a very active unit with 22 registered Boy Scouts on the rolls.

In the past two years, the troop has been on more than 30 campouts and last year they were the first Boy Scout Troop to par-



***Tires discarded in Sycamore Pond were cleared out during the project.***



Photos by Margaret Gonzales-Boltz

***Scouts spent several hours removing deadwood and improving the appearance and environment for wildlife and humans alike.***

ticipate in the annual Bataan Death March held in New Mexico.

The Boltz’ family is an active Scouting family with Steve (father) serving as

an assistant scoutmaster, (mother) Margaret is a committee member and Elliott (younger brother) is a Life Scout at age 12.